

TRIBUTE TO TERRY BRICKLEY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Terry Brickley, who passed away from pneumonia on October 6, 2003. Throughout his life, Terry was an exceptional community activist and a tireless crusader of rights for the disabled, himself a sufferer from multiple sclerosis. He is survived by his life partner of thirteen years, Sally Jorgensen, his daughter, Tori Bradford, and her husband and son.

A native Californian, Terry lived in Santa Cruz for the past thirty-seven years and has played an important role in this community during that time. He played a vital role in making public spaces handicap accessible, including making the transit district in Santa Cruz the first in the country to have fully accessible buses, long before the Americans with Disabilities Act was passed. In addition to his amazing work as an activist, Terry also founded, headed, and sat on the boards of several organizations dedicated to improving the lives of the disabled, including Adaptability Unlimited; a San Francisco chapter of the California Association for Physically Handicapped which is now the Californians for Disability Rights; and the Stroke Center at Cabrillo College.

I had personal contact with him while serving in the California Assembly, as we worked together to pass a bill that would allow people eager to return to work to remain on Disability Insurance until their new job insurance came into effect. With the passage of this bill, it made it possible for more people to return to work and once again participate in their community. He has shown it is possible for one person to make a difference in the lives of so many people, not only in his local community but across the state, in starting a movement that works to guarantee equal rights for all Americans. Terry was an inspiration to me and his legacy will not easily be forgotten. He was a true friend and will be missed by many.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Terry Brickley's achievements and accomplishments. Throughout his life he demonstrated an outstanding commitment to this community and to equal rights nationwide that should serve as an inspiration to everyone. His service is admirable and his character and dedication have made lasting impacts on our community and the people with whom he worked, myself included. I join the County of Santa Cruz, and friends and family in honoring this truly commendable man and all of his lifelong achievements.

TRIBUTE TO DONALD FELTSCHER

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the lifelong service of Donald Feldscher. Mr. Feldscher has been a dedicated civil service employee who has worked with the City of Philadelphia for the past twenty-five years. His years of service are indicative of an unwavering commitment to his community and to the City of Philadelphia.

Mr. Feldscher has led an exemplary life of service. He maintained a position evaluating property for the City of Philadelphia until the age of seventy-five. His hard work throughout the years has been an inspiration to his co-workers and the community.

Mr. Feldscher will retire from the City of Philadelphia on October 31, 2003. In recognition of his years of service to the people of the Philadelphia community, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues rise to congratulate him on his retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO LEWIS A. WATKINS, SR.

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Lewis A. Watkins, Sr. for his dedication to serving his community and the City of New York.

For almost 30 years, Lewis has worked for the City of New York in a variety of administrative positions. During most of that time, he has also dedicated himself to serving Community Planning Board #3 in Bedford Stuyvesant, which represents the largest African-American community in New York City.

Educated, diligent and committed, he was promoted from Youth Coordinator for the district to District Manager of Community Board #3. Mr. Watkins' primary role is to coordinate the delivery of city services and to advise a Board of 50 members who are appointed by the Brooklyn Borough President and City Council Members. In this capacity, he works with residents, block associations, community-based and civic organizations, businesses, and churches in order to best serve the neighborhood. For issues in Bedford Stuyvesant relating to housing, seniors, health care, parks, child welfare, day care, education, transportation, police, fire, environmental protection and economic development, Lewis is the main source of information for the City and plays a key role in solving problems for the community related to these areas.

Lewis received his Master of Science Degree in Secondary Education with a Minor in Urban Policy Science from State University of New York at Stony Brook University. He taught high school for several years but realizes now that city government has been his true calling.

In retrospect, he also realizes that his inspiration for community services came from his role models, his mother, Bernice Watkins and his maternal grandmother.

Mr. Speaker, Lewis A. Watkins has been a dedicated public servant to his community. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable individual.

TESTIMONY OF MICHELE DE JESU

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with my colleagues the testimony of

Michele De Jesu from a hearing in regards to Long Island's statistical status, as designated by the Office of Management and Budget. This testimony was given at the Alfonse M. D'Amato United States Courthouse on June 20, 2003.

I am Michele De Jesu, and I am thankful to learn from this hearing.

I know that the Census Bureau has had a tremendous job in counting populations. Now I am learning that the Bureau can make conclusive definitions as to what to call those populous areas.

We can all agree on one thing: Every individual is entitled to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness under the Constitution.

If Nassau County is not counted as an entity; if Suffolk County is not counted as an entity;

If that be the case, where does it lead each and every impoverished homeless person, too numerous to count? I wonder if they are seen in the census books.

Please help the housing agencies that serve the homeless, poor and mentally challenged, agencies like HALI (Hands Across Long Island) and count us so that our government can represent us too.

Please redefine your definitions rather than depersonalize whole counties and thus each individual.

Please reevaluate and reconsider, and may the OMB not deny us of our unalienable rights.

VICTOR GARZA HONORED FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the achievements of Victor Garza and would like to recognize his extraordinary and tireless service to the people of Santa Clara County.

Victor, who has been called the "Latino Voice of San Jose," retired last month after 26 years as a Veteran Services Officer for the County of Santa Clara.

Victor has served on numerous boards of directors and community committees related to education, youth and health, including his current role as chairman of the La Raza Roundtable, boardmember for the Center for Training and Careers, and as a leader in the American G.I. Forum.

Victor is a former Navy mechanic who served in the Korean war, and has been an outspoken advocate for veterans throughout Santa Clara County, fighting for access to services and recognition for our veterans.

Originally from Eagle Pass, TX, Victor came to San Jose in 1971 when, after leaving the Navy and farm work, Garza enrolled at San Jose State University. At 34, the man who never graduated from high school worked full-time as a foreman at a bus manufacturing company in Hayward while taking a full load of classes at night. He graduated with a master's degree in public affairs.

Throughout his career, he has also organized Latino job fairs, boycotted against job discrimination and founded an organization to send Latinos to college.

Victor has devoted his life to enrich and advance his community, and his contributions

deserve to be honored to serve as an inspiration for our youth, veterans and for the residents of Santa Clara County.

I wish to thank Victor Garza for his tireless service to the County and wish him the best in his future endeavors. Furthermore, he has my personal thanks for our years of friendship. Though we will all miss his compassion, expertise and commitment, his dedication has left its mark on Santa Clara County.

TRIBUTE TO MS. VIVIAN WILLIE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a respected member of the Philadelphia community. Ms. Vivian Willie is turning 100 years young.

Ms. Willie will celebrate her 100th birthday this October 26, 2003. She selflessly helped the community working for many years at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Ms. Willie continued to serve the people of Philadelphia outside of the hospital working for the anti-poverty program from which she retired.

Along with her son, 22 grandchildren, and over 40 great grandchildren, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Ms. Vivian Willie during her 100th birthday celebration.

A TRIBUTE TO DARLENE MEALY

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Darlene Mealy for her commitment to public service and dedication to serving her community.

Darlene Mealy was one of eight children born to Edward and Louise Mealy, in Detroit, MI. She was raised in Brooklyn, NY, and would later attend school at Manhattan Borough Community College. While living on Herkimer St. in 1987, she formed a softball team named the "Bullets," which won three straight championships. Since then, Darlene decided she wanted to be in a position where she would be able to give back to the community that gave her so much.

She is the founder and president of FARR (Fulton St./Atlantic Ave./Ralph/Rochester Ave.) Community Association, Inc. FARR has helped forge tighter community bonds and a stronger voice. FARR's successes include removing drug dealers from street corners, beautifying the neighborhood, and saving eight members' homes from demolition, which was planned for by the Fulton Park Urban Renewal Plan. Under her leadership, FARR also has been credited with programs for our youth, such as boys' and girls' basketball and girls' step teams, which she has coached for three years.

Her community involvement also extends to her service on the executive board of the Bishop Henry B. Hucles Episcopal Nursing Home, providing an essential service to frail, elderly and physically challenged community

residents. She is the corresponding secretary for the 81st Precinct Community Council and a member of the Christ Memorial Church in Brooklyn. She was the former secretary of Unity Democratic Club as well. She credits her mother as her role model in learning values that she lives by today.

Professionally, Darlene has worked for the New York City Transit for 13 years. She now works in the Department of Buses and Technical Services. She is on the executive board of Neighborhood Housing Services that gives homeowners low and moderate loans to improve their homes.

Mr. Speaker, Darlene Mealy's commitment, leadership, innovation, and motivation have brought about a positive change in the neighborhood and community she serves diligently. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition. I hope that all of my colleagues will join me in honoring this truly remarkable individual.

ON THE YANKEES ALCS VICTORY OVER THE RED SOX

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise and congratulate the New York Yankees for their stirring come-from-behind last night against the Boston Red Sox in the 7th and final game of the American League Championship Series—proving, once again, that the greatest rivalry in professional sports is between the Yankees and the Red Sox.

Roger Clemens pitching against Pedro Martinez—two of the greatest pitchers of all-time, one pitching what was potentially his final game against his former team, the other pitching what until the 8th inning was nothing less than a masterpiece. The first two Cy Young award winners ever to face each other in a Game 7.

Despite an early deficit, the Yankees refused to give up. Two home runs from a struggling Jason Giambi. 3 runs in the 8th. And of course, the winning homer by Aaron Boone in the bottom of the 11th. This is how baseball is supposed to be played: with emotion, honor, grit—and plenty of drama.

And that was only the 7th game. The six other games included so many gutsy performances by series MVP Mariano Rivera, two tough victories by knuckleballer Tim Lincecum and clutch hit after clutch hit by Jorge Posada and Hideki Matsui. It was in every respect a series for the ages.

I would be remiss if I did not say a word for the fans of the Boston Red Sox, especially my friends Congressman MICHAEL CAPUANO, Congressman JOHN LARSON and Senator CHRISTOPHER DODD, who once again saw victory snatched from the jaws of defeat. As heart-breaking as this game is for them, what makes these fans special is that every year, hope springs eternal for them and the rivalry begins anew. They are one big reason this match up is so extraordinary year after year.

So let me again congratulate Joe Torre and his New York Yankees, as they prepare to take on the Florida Marlins in the 2003 World Series. On behalf of tens of thousands of Con-

necticut Yankee fans, you have again made the entire Tri-State area so proud. Go Yankees!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, October 20, I was in Somerset, Kentucky, tending to official business, and was not present for rollcall votes #563–565. The votes were on House Resolutions 356, 400, and on H.R. 3288. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all measures.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. C. A. DUTCH RUPPERSBURGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. RUPPERSBURGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 565, I was unavoidably detained because of a meeting I had with the Mayor of Baltimore. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

CALIFORNIA MISSIONS PRESERVATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker. I rise today in support of the California Missions Preservation Act of 2003, H.R. 1446.

This important bill would grant funding to restore and repair the twenty-one California missions and their artifacts by providing a grant program under the authority of the Secretary of the Interior with a matching fund requirement for the California Missions Foundation.

As a California native, I cherish these beautiful missions, which represent our past, our history and our founding. It is important to preserve these monuments and museums as they serve as part of our cultural heritage.

Near my district in California is one of these missions, San Juan Capistrano, which served as the birthplace of Orange County.

Founded more than 200 years ago on 10 acres of beautiful gardens and fountains, San Juan Capistrano served as a community for Spanish Padres and Indians. It was a thriving center for agriculture, education and religion.

Today, the mission's visitors can see Native American, Spanish, Mexican and European heritage in the mission's architecture and artifacts. Every year, millions of visitors and school children come to these missions to learn about California and our history. Indeed they are living classrooms of our past.

I ask my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this bill, not only for the sake of preserving California's history, but for our nation's history as well.